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Enclosed for filing in this patent application are:

- (1) A Response to Office Action dated November 5, 2002 including a declaration of one of the inventors (ex. 1) and supporting exhibits (A-G);
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